

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims.

1.-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A coated cutting tool equipped with a substrate and a coating formed on said substrate, wherein:

said coating is formed from at least two coating layers;

a first layer of said coating layers contains a compound formed from elements Al ~~and/or~~ and Cr and at least one element selected from a group consisting of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and boron;

a second layer of said coating layers contains a compound formed from: at least one element selected from a group consisting of a group IVa element, a group Va element, a group VIa element, and Si; and at least one element selected from a group consisting of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and boron; and

at least one of said coating layers contains chlorine,

wherein a concentration of said chlorine in said coating is at least 0.0001 percent by mass and no more than 1 percent by mass, and

wherein said second layer is formed closer than said first layer toward the substrate.

14. (Currently Amended) A coated cutting tool according to claim 13 wherein said coating includes a third layer in addition to said first layer and said second layer, said third layer containing chlorine, and wherein said third layer is formed between said first layer and said second layer.

15. (Original) A coated cutting tool according to claim 13 wherein a thickness of said coating is at least 0.05 microns and no more than 20 microns.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) A coated cutting tool according to claim 13 wherein said coating includes a cubic crystal structure.

18. (Original) A coated cutting tool according to claim 13 wherein said substrate is a cemented carbide, a cermet, a high-speed steel, a ceramic, a cubic boron nitride sintered body; a diamond sintered body; a silicon nitride sintered body; or a mixture of aluminum oxide and titanium carbide.

19. (Original) A coated cutting tool according to claim 13 wherein said coated cutting tool is a drill, an end mill, an indexable insert for drills, indexable insert for end mills, an indexable insert for milling, an indexable insert for turning, a metal saw, a gear cutting tool, a reamer, or a tap.